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Chiang Made Temporary Premier
Executive Yuan Reshuffle

Nanking, Mar. 1.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was appointed President of the Executive Yuan, succeeding Dr. T. V. Soong, whose resignation was announced this morning. Generalissimo Chiang was named to the concurrent post by an emergency joint session of the National Supreme Defence Council and the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang's Central Executive Committee held at 4 p.m.

Dr. Wong Wen-hao will remain Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and the other members of the Cabinet who this morning were rumored to be resigning will carry on.

A high Government source told the United Press that Chiang's appointment was a temporary measure, designed to carry on the premiership pending reorganization of the entire executive branch of the Government in line with the announced Government policy to broaden the basis of the administration by taking in non-Kuomintang party members some time in mid-March.

Observers here believe that Gen. Chiang, Governor of Szechuan Province, will eventually be named President of the Executive Yuan when the Government reorganization occurs.

Chiang is reputed to be leader of the "Political Science Group," which is close to the Democratic Socialist Party. It is expected that if Chiang becomes Premier, his Finance Minister will be Chan Kiang-ai, Finance Commissioner of Manchuria, who is a brother of Carson Chang, leader of the Democratic Socialists.

Meanwhile the Government schedule for reorganization of the legislative, supervisory and consultative branches of the Government was postponed until

the economic condition can be summarized in one sentence: "The present economic crisis is the accumulative result of heavily unbalanced budgets carried through eight years of war and one year of illusory peace, accentuated to some degree by speculative activities."

Mr. Soong refused to answer questions put to him by legislators, saying that he had already resigned, there is no purpose in his replying. — Reuter.

Shanghai
Rush To
Buy Shares

Shanghai, Mar. 1.

In the absence of open markets for dealings in gold and foreign currency, a rush to buy shares followed the announcement from Nanking that Soong had resigned. Businessmen said if the gold and currency markets still existed a panic would have undoubtedly succeeded Premier Soong's exit, but as it was, the black market remained dormant and the people were still busy exchanging the United States currency for Chinese dollars at officially appointed banks.

Although the suddenness of Soong's resignation caused surprise, the development was not totally unexpected, as it was generally recognized his position was becoming untenable. — Associated Press.

Soong's Analysis

Nanking, Mar. 1.

Soong told the Legislative Yuan this morning that he had sent in his resignation to the Generalissimo three times before it was accepted. He said that he had not slept for days and nights worrying over the economic crisis.

Economic problems consumed a greater part of his time since he believed a solution was the root of all national problems.

Analysing the causes of the present economic crisis, Mr. Soong said that the fundamental blame must be placed on the civil war. Former civil wars involved only two armies and two military cliques but did not affect the entire nation as did the present Nationalist-Communist conflict.

He had done his best to calm economic conditions. He said that he had borne unpopularity because he considered "it his line of duty and he looked upon himself as the most oppressed person in all China."

"I have often been accused of being arbitrary. I have only striven to conduct affairs of state without fear or favour. The Ministry of Finance received limited amounts of revenue and to meet Government expenditures it had to resort to what that adds up to and night and day, my colleagues and I were worried over the situation. I have striven time and again to limit expenditures because I know the dangers that confronted us."

As he called for support of the Government's recently promulgated emergency economic measures, Mr. Soong declared: "I cannot emphasize too strongly that our success in overcoming the economic crisis depends on the vigorous support of the whole nation, which the whole nation supports the enforcement of the Government's economic emergency measures."

"Unless all people realize the gravity of the situation and put patriotism above personal considerations no one man or a group of men can matter who can succeed in saving the nation."

"There is no royal road to economic solvency."

"The Truth"

Mr. Soong said that the truth concerning China's exist-

Popular Songs Strike
Sombre Note

New York, March 1.

U.S. sociologists and economists are worried about a depression because Americans are singing sad, sentimental songs again.

They say America's songs are "Yodel, dropped dead before it got started."

In the mad, prosperous 1920's popular tunes were "Barney Google with the Go-Go-Golly Eyes," "Who Played Poker With Pocahontas," "I'm Just Wild About Anna," "Crackles," and "Diga, Diga, Do."

During the depression of the 1930's American people liked "Stardust" and "I'm in the Mood for Love."

Snakes II— "Chickery Chick," "Cement Mixer," and "Ashby de Zouche Castle Abbey" are no longer popular.

"Oncie, Twoie, I Love"

Belgian
Craftsmen
To Strike

Brussels, Feb. 28.

The newspaper, La Dernière Heure, reported that the recently-formed National Union of Professional Association of Tradesmen and Craftsmen decided at a meeting on Thursday afternoon to organize a 24-hour national general strike on Monday, March 10.

The paper said the strike was to protest against heavy taxes and reduction of margins of profit—presumably the recent Government-ordered "price reductions."

The paper also said the strike would close food, textile, and other shops and even barbers, tailors, plumbers and engravers, for one day. — United Press.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for March 2 and 3 of 1947. A complex system of depressions covers most of China and Manchuria.

Today's forecast: Moderate E wind, becoming variable for a time, with clouds with showers of drizzle or fog chiefly during the morning.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 72°; Minimum: 52°; Rain: 0.5 in.; Wind: S.W. 10-15 mph; Visibility: 10 miles.

March 1st: Maximum: 70°; Minimum: 50°; Rain: 0.2 in.; Wind: S.W. 10-15 mph; Visibility: 10 miles.

March 2nd: Maximum: 75°; Minimum: 55°; Rain: 0.1 in.; Wind: S.W. 10-15 mph; Visibility: 10 miles.

Death For Armed
Robberies

A bill (entitled the Suppression of Robbery Ordinance) is to be laid before Legislative Council providing for the death sentence in certain circumstances on persons taking part in armed robbery or assault with intent to rob where a death takes place.

The purpose of the Bill is to enact provisions which will contribute to a reduction in the incidence of robbery and particularly robbery which is accompanied by the use of offensive weapons.

Though the high incidence of robbery during the past year has fallen, no doubt as a result of the increase in terms of imprisonment and amount of corporal punishment inflicted on persons convicted of robbery and assault with intent to rob, such offences, particularly where arms are carried are still too prevalent.

In cases where shooting takes place in connection with such offences and the death of a person results, it is often difficult to obtain the necessary evidence to ensure a successful prosecution for murder against any of the robbers. Such difficulty is enhanced by the existence of the rule of law, which requires the proof of a common intention to use violence of those participating in the robbery or assault with intent to rob.

Clause 2 of the Bill therefore provides for removal of the requirement of proving common intention to use violence in case where a person is unable to show that he was unaware that an offensive weapon was carried at a robbery, assault with intent to rob or an attempt to commit such offences. The application of this provision by Clause 2 is extended also to cases of violence used by one of the party in escaping after the commission of such offences.

As no other count can be added to an indictment for

J.B. Powell's
Sudden
Death

Washington, Mar. 1.

John B. Powell, 60, former managing editor of the China Weekly Review, died suddenly, a few moments after delivering a speech to the University of Missouri Alumni.

In his talk, Powell, who had last part of both feet in a Japanese prison camp, predicted that Asia will assume increasing importance in world affairs.

Earlier he had joked with friends that he was a "fugitive from Walter Reed hospital" where he had been learning to walk on artificial feet, after both feet were amputated as a result of gangrene, suffered in a Japanese prison camp where he was held for several months after his capture in Shanghai in 1941.

Powell died of a heart seizure. He had just returned to a seat beside his wife Martha and his longtime friend Morris J. Harris of the Associated Press Washington staff, when he collapsed. He died without regaining consciousness.

In his talk he had said "If the United States has trouble with Russia it will be fought in Europe. That is because Siberia is just across the Straits from Alaska—the closest approach from Russia to the United States."

Powell was a native of Hannibal, Missouri. He is survived by a widow and a son, John William Powell, who is carrying on his father's work as editor of the China Weekly Review in Shanghai, and a daughter, Mrs. Stuart Hensley of Washington. — Associated Press.

SHIP ON FIRE

Taipei, Mar. 1. The 3,800-ton ss. "Ching-shan" caught fire here yesterday afternoon as it was about to leave for Shanghai.

The cargo of cotton, yarn, textiles, oil and tobacco leaves was completely destroyed by the fire. The passengers were reported safe. — Central News.

He Took
A Long
Drink

New York, March 1.

Telling his wife, "I'm going out for a few minutes for a drink," Arthur Pacific of Patterson, New Jersey, left his home on a cold January night in 1940.

Six years and nine months later he returned home and apologized for being out so long.

"I got very drunk," he said, "and wandered on to an Italian ship which took me to Naples. I was arrested there, charged with espionage and imprisoned."

Later I was sent to Germany where I spent years in Helsen and Buchenwald concentration camps. I shall never take drink again."

US authorities confirmed Pacific's story.

Weather Got
Her Down

London, Mar. 1.

Mrs. Magdalen Ditchel, 68, widow, stuck her head in the gas oven of her London home breeder, her daughter-in-law told a Coroner today, "she became depressed when the cold weather kept her from visiting friends."

United Press.

27 HURT
IN BOMB
EXPLOSION

Twenty-seven persons were injured in an explosion at Ko Shing Theatre in Queen's Road West at 8.10 last night, shortly after the curtain went up for the first night of the Chinese version of "Leave Her to Heaven."

The theatre was packed to capacity. The explosion occurred between a pillar and the ninth row of seats, from the stage on the ground floor.

Of the 27 injured, five are in a serious condition. In all, eight persons have been detained for treatment at the Queen Mary Hospital.

Police Officers from Central and No. 7 Police Station were quickly on the scene and took away a number of suspects for questioning.

A visit to the scene of the explosion revealed that the seats in the vicinity of the explosion had been badly damaged, while the ledge at the back of the eighth row, which is used for depositing tea pots and melon seeds, was completely shattered for a considerable portion of its length.

The floor was littered with shoes, stockings and handkerchiefs. A substantial quantity of sawdust had been sprinkled over the floor to soak up the blood.

Meanwhile, the show was continuing, but the patrons, who had not been allowed to leave the theatre, did not seem to be very much interested in what was going on.

Outside, in Queen's Road West, hundreds of curious sight-seers, as well as anxious parents, relatives and friends gathered. Several women were observed weeping and begging to be allowed to enter the theatre to look for their children.

Shortly after the explosion at the Ko Shing Theatre another explosion occurred in Room No. 308 at the Nam Ping Hotel, 141 Des Voeux Road Central. There were no casualties.

400 lb. of bread and 125 lb. of meat near the sanatorium. — United Press.

HOW IRRITATION VARIES
FROM DIFFERENT CIGARETTES

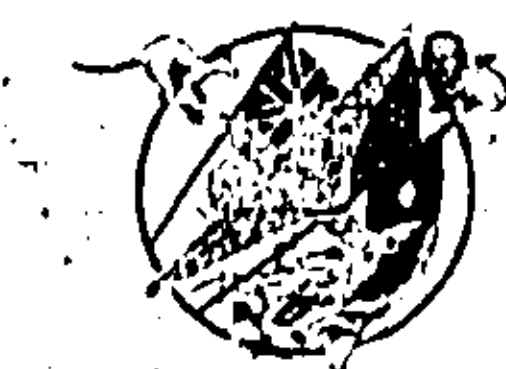
Tests made on rabbits' eyes reveal the influence of hygroscopic agents

TYPE OF CIGARETTE	Irritation	Remarks
1 Edmo C.B.	Edmo C.B.	Cigarettes made with no hygroscopic agent
2 Edmo 21	Edmo 21	Popular cigarette No. 1 (ordinary method)
3 Edmo 27	Edmo 27	Popular cigarette No. 2 (ordinary method)
4 Edmo 26	Edmo 26	Popular cigarette No. 3 (ordinary method)
5 Edmo 27	Edmo 27	Popular cigarette No. 4 (ordinary method)
6 Edmo 27	Edmo 27	Popular cigarette No. 5 (ordinary method)

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Britons Charged With Aiding The Japs

Frank Henry Johnston, 41, journalist, born in Shanghai, and John Kenneth Gracie, unemployed, born in Ardersier, Invernesshire, both British subjects, were charged before Mr. E. H. Sainsbury at Central Magistracy yesterday with doing acts with intent to assist an enemy or likely to assist an enemy contrary to Regulation 27, Defence Regulations, by serving as radio announcers with duties of broadcasting anti-Allied propaganda.

Both defendants were remanded in gaol custody for seven days.

Johnston said that the prosecution had had ten months and done nothing. He also said that his personal papers and documents, as well as belongings, had been taken away and that the Red Cross had supplied him with clothing. Johnston also applied for bail.

Inspector Lowe, prosecuting, said that this was the first time that he had heard about Johnston's papers and belongings being taken away and he would enquire into the matter.

Mr. Sainsbury told Johnston that if he would lay his requirements before the Superintendent, Special Branch, the latter would be glad to give any assistance possible.

Gracie said that he wanted help in obtaining copies of certain letters, one held by the British Ambassador and one by the British authorities in Shanghai. He was informed by Mr. Sainsbury that if he would make known his wishes to the Superintendent, Special Branch, this officer would give him such assistance as was possible.

The Hongkong University Alumni Association held its Annual Social Function in the form of a supper dance at the Association premises, Queen's Building, last night.

A large gathering of members and friends attended, including Mr. D. J. Shaw, Mr. A. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rowell, Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Col. L. T. Rile and others.

The guests were welcomed by the President Mr. Yau Fung Hon, and members of the Committee: Drs. H. L. Lee, F. I. Tseng, George Hoang Choy, Cheung Shu Tong.

The band of H.M.S. Adamant rendered a delightful programme of music.

Money Market

Gold fluctuated within narrow limits yesterday as after opening at \$288 a tael, it alternated between this figure and \$270 and eventually closed at \$268.75. Pinsters opened at \$97.0 a 100 and closed at \$98.50. Highest rate reached during the day, was \$10.00.

Chinese National Currency was quoted nominal at 3 1/2 cents for futures and 4 1/2 cents spot (for C.N.S. 1,000).

U.S. dollars, Sterling and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$4.80, \$14.80 and \$12.53 respectively, all buyers.

FATAL FALL

A 19-year-old radio operator on the 11 V. "Hindustan", Patrick John William Fry, a native of Barnstaple, Devon, met with an untimely death in the early hours of yesterday morning when he slipped off the window of the third floor of 6 Hillwood Road, Kowloon.

The time of the accident was fixed at 12.40 a.m.—his wrist-watch showed that hour when the body was picked up.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

On the return from Singapore, where he has been attending the Air Commanders' Conference, Air Officers: Commanding, Air Commodore B. N. Webster, CBE, AFC, was met yesterday afternoon at Kai Tak airport by the Master, Commander, Group Captain R. A. Jones. Air Commodore Webster made the return journey in a Dakota aircraft of 110 Squadron.

Yesterday was Flower Day in connection with the campaign for raising funds for the establishment of Chung Ching Memorial School in the Colony to commemorate the both birthday of Chiang Kai-shek. Restaurants also participated by contributing the charge for tea to the fund.

ACCUSED CLAIMS MENTAL BLACKOUT DUE TO DRINK

SAILORS THROWN INTO SEA

Jerusalem, Feb. 28. Some of the British sailors who boarded the Jewish illegal immigrant ship, Herta, and were thrown into the sea by the immigrants. They were picked up by destroyers.

Before the boarding incident the immigration ship took evasive action, says an official statement, and then ran aground. Later the boarding party gained control and nearly 300 men, women and children were transferred to a British vessel which sailed for Cyprus.

The ship, mainly young Jews, were reported to be from eastern Europe.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS

Old Boys and former members of the Queen's College Pros, who have in their possession any of the following material are invited to forward it to the Principal, Queen's College, 26 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

(1) Copies of previous issues of Queen's College Pros, or Reports of Concerts and Speech Days.
(2) Lists of Scholarship and prize winners with years and values of awards.
(3) Any other historical records or information likely to be of value in replacing all the past records which have been lost.

The Principal will also be pleased to meet any Old Boy who may have verbal information of value if he will arrange an appointment.

GOVERNOR TO VISIT HOSPITAL

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, is to pay a visit to the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital, in Happy Valley, tomorrow afternoon, and will inspect the newly-completed wing of the building.

The hospital is being thrown open to the public and the medical and nursing profession for inspection between noon and 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

FALSE NAME ON CHOCOLATES

Pleading guilty to possession of a quantity of chocolates to which a false trade description had been applied, Cheung Fan of 1, New Market Street, had his stock confiscated and was ordered to pay \$250 in costs at Central Court yesterday.

The chocolates bore the Cadbury trade mark and Mr. Hugh Jones, for Messrs. John D. Hutchinson, the agents, asked that a serious view be taken.

Sweetened condensed milk has been detected from a scale of prohibited exports. Cotton threads of all descriptions have been added to the schedule.

Macao Payments

Sir "Fairplay" needs some correction in his letter to the paper of the 25th. It was plainly posted on the Notice Board in 11.30 a.m. Consulate, Macao, that whatever money was obtained from the Relief office the same was definitely in the nature of a loan, to be repaid at a later date. I am sure every beneficiary will live up to it if the necessary money is freely available for such repayment.

The matter about "milk" is out of place, and I think it is sheer "babbling" on the part of "Fairplay". When milk is absolutely necessary for certain babies and adults, the recommendation had to come from the Relief Office's Medical Board, which sat weekly. So what?

"Fairplay" continued that during the year 1946, a large number of the Hongkong Eurasians, Portuguese and Indians, including a sprinkling of Chinese, received a monthly cash allowance. "Will 'Fairplay' tell me if he was in Macao as well? Apparently not, for he has not mentioned him in his dictionary of 'sprinkling'." More than 70,000 people were and ever will be grateful for the financial assistance received from the British Consul. The Chinese community alone should comprise at least 60 per cent of the total number of beneficiaries, and this is what "Fairplay" calls "sprinkling".

The Portuguese, who received certain allowances (dependent on individual merits) as relief from their financial difficulties, were subsidized by the Portuguese Government, whereas members of other communities were entirely dependent upon the Consulate for their actual maintenance. A few Portuguese also came under the latter category.

The following "commentary" on the "sprinkling" should be approached by "Fairplay" for correct advice: Mr. A. Superintendent, O. V. Relief Office; Mr. W. Avon, Assistant; Mr. J. F. Silva & Mr. M. A. Silva, Accountants; and Messrs. P. Rodriguez and R. Omer, Assistants.

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The trial of two European seamen of the "Arundel Castle" on a charge of manslaughter of Inspector A.S. Anderson, of Mongkok Police Station, on Christmas Day, reached its closing stage yesterday when one of the accused, Stanley, declared in the witness box that he knew nothing of what happened as he was very drunk.

Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Puisne Judge before whom the trial is being heard, over ruled Defence Counsel's submission that second accused, Franks, had no case to answer.

Robert Stanley, 26, greaser, and Frederick Franks, 19, fireman, are jointly charged with unlawfully killing Inspector Anderson on Dec. 25, last.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, assisted by C.D.I. Charles Mottram, is conducting the prosecution, Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. G. S. High-Jones, is representing both accused.

When the Court resumed yesterday morning, Mr. Bernacchi continued his unfinished submission from Friday that there was no case for Franks to answer.

Quoting various legal authorities and recalling the evidence of various Crown witnesses, Mr. Bernacchi contended that the Crown had failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that Franks was present in the shop and did, in fact, take part in the assault.

In reply to the defence submission, Mr. Clifford submitted that the Crown had adduced evidence to show that Franks was present in the shop and did, in fact, take part in the assault.

His Lordship ruled there was a case for Franks to answer. Putting his case to the jury before calling Stanley to give evidence, Mr. Bernacchi told the jury that part of the defence would be that Stanley was temporarily insane at the time of the alleged incident.

Mr. Bernacchi said that he would call upon Franks to give evidence as Franks would stand by his statement to the police. Testifying in his own behalf, Robert Stanley said between 6 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 25, Franks and he left their ship and went to Gingle's Bar where they met Campbell and two soldiers.

While drinking, he continued, Johnson joined them. Later, they all were invited by the soldiers to the camp where they started drinking again.

First He Knew

Franks said he did not know anything later on. The first thing he knew was that he was in the cell at the police station when someone shook him.

He was surprised and shouted the names of his mates and asked the police officer why he was in the cell.

Readers' Letters

China's Liberals

Sir—With the development of a civil war between the Kuomintang and Communists, many liberals, especially Anglo-American University graduates, are coming to Hongkong to escape the persecution of the Fascists and Bolsheviks alike. Mr. John W. Powell of China Weekly Review, Shanghai, said in an article published after his tour in this Colony that Hongkong is now a refuge for such people.

Many of such persons are in a very difficult position when the country which gave such refuge to their education and outlook on life is actually aiding a government to persecute them.

Although General Marshall in his farewell message advised China to trust such liberals, the result has been worse. The job of "Himmler's" former pupils has not relaxed a little.

It is hoped that Dr. Leighton J. Stuart will do something to improve the situation. If the traitor who sold Christ out could still get thirty pieces of silver as his reward, he who helps the enemy to persecute a friend and comrade should at least refrain from so doing until acts of sincerity, not words or deeds of contrary nature, are proved.

T. K. TENG.

Warning

Sir—I understand that recently some unauthorised people have been going round collecting donations for the "Deaf and dumb." Our Hong Kong School for the Deaf has not yet started on its campaign for raising funds. When we do launch our campaign it will be under the name of the Hong Kong School for the Deaf. It would be glad if you would bring these facts to the attention of your readers.

MISS L. L. LUK WA, BRUNDA.

A Chinese Police Constable was arrested by one of two Chinese who challenged him in the vicinity of the Botanical Gardens shortly after a police last night. The constable was not injured and the two defendants submitted to the court.

Reds Under House Arrest

Shanghai, Mar. 1.

Armed blue-uniformed and long-gowned, felt-hatted plainclothes men kept guard outside 170 Rue Massenet, a drab three-story building where Tung-Pi-wu of the Communist hierarchy and lesser Reds are being kept under house arrest.

When a police officer asked him about the matter on his hand, Franks said he replied that he thought they were scoundrels.

Franks said he first contacted scoundrels three or four weeks after leaving Southampton and had been receiving treatment from the ship's doctor. When he was at the Remand Jail on Dec. 31, he added, he reported his scoundrels to the prison doctor.

Prior to the alleged incident, Franks said, he had not touched drinks for seven weeks. Producing his discharge book, issued in May, 1945, Franks said he had four discharges, all being good conduct and good work.

He said he lost his old discharge book when his ship was torpedoed.

To Mr. Clifford, Franks said he remembered being at the soldier's camp but nothing else until he was awakened at the police station.

He said he had some beer, whisky, brandy and sherry at the soldier's camp. It was first time that he had been drunk and had never done any fighting in his life.

Asked why he had suddenly started drinking, Franks said because it was Christmas.

Doctor's Evidence

Franks denied Mr. Clifford's suggestion that he deliberately hit Inspector Anderson and that he knew what he was doing.

Called by the defence, Dr. D. W. Gould, medical officer of the Remand Jail, said he examined Stanley and other prisoners on Dec. 31. According to his record book, the word scoundrels was registered under Stanley's name.

But witness was not able to say how Stanley complained or reported to him. The marks of scoundrels were more noticeable on Stanley's legs, Dr. Gould added.

Mr. Bernacchi asked Dr. Gould's opinion on a passage which he quoted from Taylor's medical report that in a case in which the head sustained any physical injury, it even produced temporary insanity, leaving the mind clear when the drunk fit was over.

In reply, Dr. Gould said he agreed with the principle stated in the medical report, but in thought the term physical injury was meant to imply an organic injury rather than the effect of violence.

R.A.S.C. Private's Story

Pte. A. E. Miller, of 287 Coy. R.A.S.C., said he saw both accused with two other seamen drinking in the canteen at the camp. Witness said he noticed Stanley staggering and picking fights; his speech being clear but making no sense, in his opinion, witness added, he was very drunk.

Witness said he remembered the four seamen finished with a bottle of sherry, half a bottle of brandy, two bottles of whisky and some beer. The brand of whisky they drank that night produced very bad effects. He had taken some of the previous night and had to be put to bed.

To Mr. Clifford, witness said the four seamen were equally drunk; but Franks appeared better after supper. Stanley, he added, wanted to fight the best man in the canteen and in his opinion he was fighting drunk.

The case was adjourned to tomorrow morning.

CHINA'S REQUEST

Washington, March 1.

CNRR representative Cheng Pao-nan said the UNRRA central committee is considering China's request at their next meeting on Monday when a decision can be expected.

Cheng said he believed about \$19,000,000 was available but awaits the UNRRA report on Monday. He added that he expects the committee to approve the request in the light of the Far East Council's approval in Shanghai.—Associated Press.

The Canton branch of the Central Bank of China has announced that as from yesterday, the maximum amount of Hongkong dollars that will be changed per person is \$300.

Indecent Assault Charge

A remand of seven days was granted by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Wong Fat-yu alias Wong Chi-leung, 26, salesman of 30 Anfu Street, second floor, appeared before the Magistrate.

Wong's three children, connected with a girl under 10 years of age.

Wong was alleged to have received, harboured, detained or had under his custody an unmarried girl named Ng Lai-chan alias Ng Lai-fong, alias Ng Wan-chun, aged 15 years and two months, at an unnumbered house in Nan Cheung Street Shumshuipo, without the consent of her lawful guardian, Ng Kwai-shun.

He was further alleged to have had carnal knowledge of the girl, and to have indecently assaulted her.

Inspector Fraser of the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs was the officer in charge of the case.

Claim For Mahjong Set

The Man Hing Fung, of No. 31 Queen's Road West, filed a legal claim for the return of a mahjong set, its value at \$350, and hire fees amounting to \$38.40, from the Chung Kwok Company, No. 12, Queen's Road West.

The claim was heard at the Magistrate's Court yesterday when Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Puisne Judge, awarded judgment in favour of plaintiff. Defendants were ordered to return the set, or its value at \$350, plus \$20 hire fees and costs.

On Dec. 13, last, a worker of No. 12, Queen's Road West, hired the set from "Chai-fai's" firm, and had not returned it.

The manager-partner of defendants' company denied liability, saying that he never hired the set. He claimed that the worker who hired the set was a old of defendants' company.

"Rope"

Tonight evening is the opening of "The Rope", a play which will run throughout the next week at the Star Theatre.

"The Rope" is the story of two young men, Wyndham Brandon and Charles Gracie, both wealthy undergraduates who number as athletic friends of those who put his body in a chair.

They then proceed to twist the victim's fate round for a supper, which they hold in their flat, using a table, they are eventually discovered by Robert Cadell, an acquaintance of theirs, and a number who has been injured in the war.

Put like that it does not perhaps seem very much, but nothing is held back and nothing is concealed from the audience, whatever.

Yet this is an unusual and frightening play which demands a very high standard of acting from the cast.

Wyndham Brandon who kills merely for the perverted thrill that it gives him must be a convincing character, for that, is his only motive, and if he fails to make it, the play will fall, utterly and completely.

Charles Gracie, however, is a very different person. Of Spanish extraction, although he speaks perfect English, he is very nervous and excitable. Never does he forget that the body in the chair is there because he hit it there, and it is largely due to his unusual and hysterical behaviour that Robert Cadell discovers the crime.

This is the play, then, that the Star Club is bringing to the Star Theatre tomorrow evening.

Whether they will entirely succeed in their new production, remains to be seen, but it promises to be an interesting and unusual performance, and one well worth seeing, both for admirers of Patrick Hamilton and of the Hong Kong Stage Club.

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (T.C.H.), 60, Macdonnell Road, at 8.30 p.m. today. The programme will include: "Symphony No. 1" by Richard Strauss; "Symphony No. 1" by Beethoven; "Pastorale" by Edward Grieg; and songs by Tishell Ballie, Richard Tauber and Roy Henderson.

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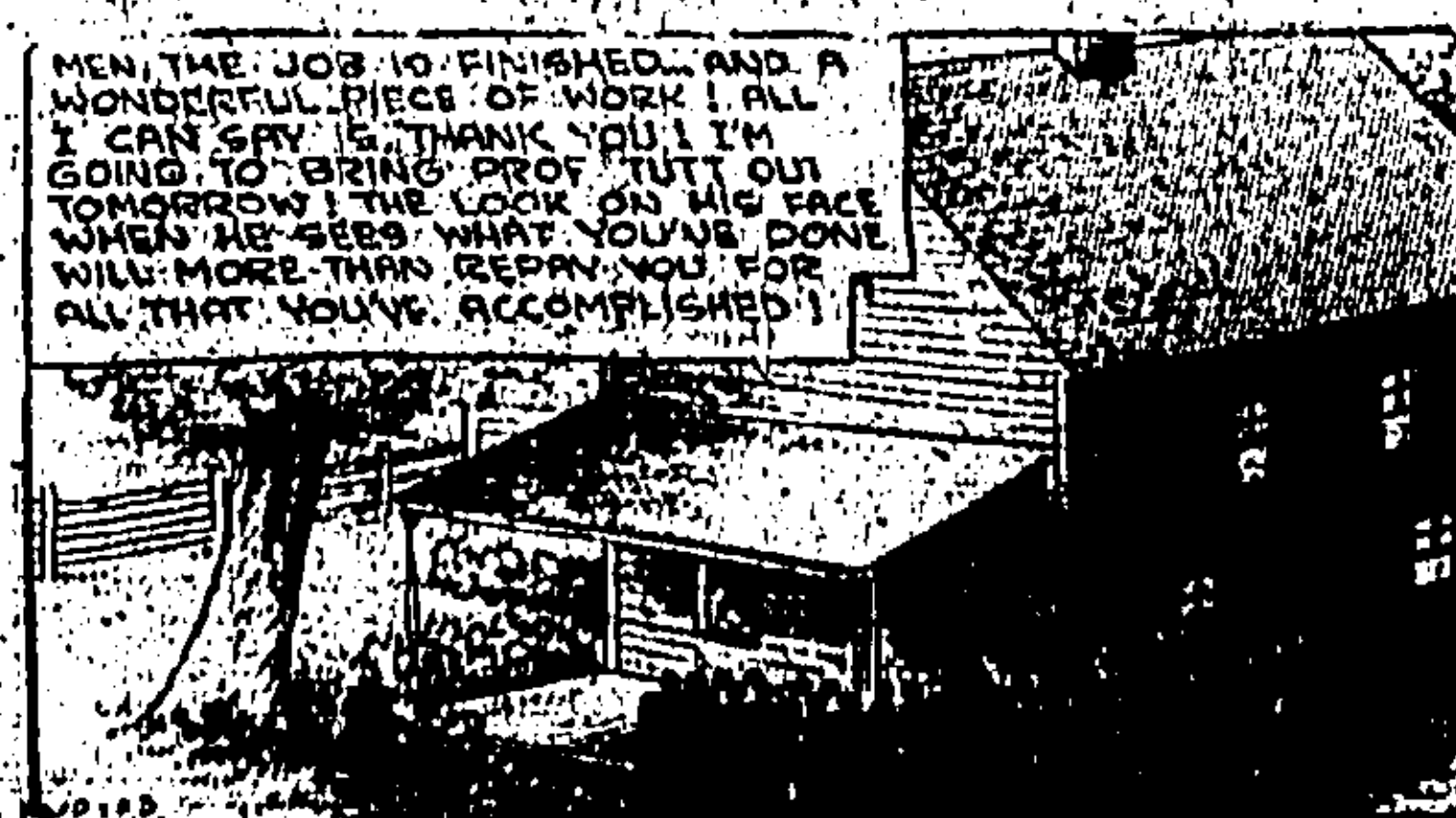
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Clamping Down On Illegal W/Ts

Heavier penalties for operators of illegal transmitting sets are provided in an amended Telecommunication Ordinance to come before Legislative Council. In explanation of the new Bill it is stated that from experience gained in the prosecution of offences it has been found that the maximum fine of \$1,000 which can now be imposed has been paid without demerit and it is suspected that these transmitters are being employed for illegal or other improper purposes. It is accordingly considered that a special penalty in relation to offences under Section 30 of the said Ordinance should be provided. Clause 2 of the Bill is designed to effect this purpose. Such Clause is designed to repeal and replace Section 30 of the Ordinance so as to render an offender liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of \$3,000 or imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve months, or on conviction on indictment, to a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for any term not exceeding three years.

Clause 3 of the Bill deletes and replaces the marginal note to section 31 of the said Ordinance, as it is considered to be misleading. Amendment to sub-section 2 of Section 31 is also provided for by this clause to provide that power of forfeiture is given to the "Court" (which means the Supreme Court) by reason of Section 39 "D" (7) of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, as well as to a Magistrate. Such amendment is consequential on Section 30(6) of the Ordinance to be enacted by Clause 2, since upon enactment of the proposed Section 30(6) it will become possible for offences against such Section to be tried before the Supreme Court on indictment and not only by a Magistrate as hitherto.

APPOINTMENTS

The Gazette announces the appointment of the following members of the Hong Kong Volunteers' Dependents Advisory Committee:

Mr. C. H. Owen-Hughes (Chairman), Mrs. Yegh Wai-han, Mrs. Iris Prew and Miss Yvonne Ho.

Other appointments etc. gazetted yesterday:

Mr. W. R. K. Collings resumed duty as Surveyor of Ships.

Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court and Registrar of Companies.

Mr. W. La Barre Sparrow and Mr. L. H. C. Callaghan to be Deputy Commissioners of Police.

Mr. L. R. Whant to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr. F. B. T. Middleton in charge of the Consulate for Guatemala.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. G. D. Hopper to act as Consul-General of the United States has received His Majesty's signature.

Mr. K. P. Noble has been appointed Canadian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong.

Mr. Andrew Chan has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

The Gazette contains a further list of China companies registered in Hong Kong.

An Order was published yesterday requiring all persons carrying on import, export or transport of vegetables to register with the Superintendent of Agriculture.

Members are again reminded that the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association will take place in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Wednesday, March 5 at 6 p.m.

When interviewed by the "Sunday Herald" regarding allegations that passengers disembarking from steamers berthing at the Kowloon Wharf were being victimised by the recognized wharf coolies and in some cases had their baggage stolen, Mr. C. E. Terry, of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf Co., Ltd., said that his Company, in conjunction with the respective steamship companies, was doing its utmost to protect passengers.

Mr. Terry said that unauthorised outside individuals ("baggage snatchers"), who managed to gain access to wharves surreptitiously by means of sampans, were responsible for the demanding of exorbitant charges and the "spiriting away" of baggage belonging to passengers.

It was emphasised by Mr. Terry that no opportunity is afforded any member of the staff to demand "squeeze" or exorbitant charges from any passenger, as all baggage is unloaded and removed to the Baggage Room under strict supervision.

Baggage of passengers which is discharged from ships is checked both by the ship's officers and the wharf staff before being sent to the Baggage Room. The charges for the removal of baggage from ship to Baggage Room is clearly indicated on a board in the Baggage Room and passengers are warned not to make any payment beyond that specified. These charges are as follows: Suit cases, 50 cents each; trunks, crates and cases, \$1 each and extra large cases, \$2 each.

Outside Touts

Mr. Terry pointed out that if passengers would only observe the rules laid down, they would not be victimised or lose any of their baggage. As it is many passengers are in the habit of dropping items of baggage from the ship to the wharf of their own accord with a view to making their own arrangements for removal. The result is they fall into the hands of the baggage snatchers.

Any complaint by a passenger as to his baggage is immediately investigated, according to Mr. Terry. For example, on Monday last, four passengers made a complaint regarding their baggage. An investigation was promptly carried out by Mr. Moodie, a senior member of the staff, and it was discovered that the complaint of the passengers had nothing to do with the Wharf Company, but concerned outside baggage touts.

Mr. Terry also took the opportunity of pointing out that his Company was not, strictly speaking, responsible for the baggage of passengers, but as they wished to exercise proper control on their own premises, they had accepted that responsibility.

Mr. Terry said that it was a well known fact that a number of baggage touts operated outside the Baggage Room also and that they were demanding exorbitant charges from passengers and making promises which they had no power to implement.

Wharf Permits

When questioned regarding the refusal of his Company to issue permits to friends or relatives of incoming passengers to enter the wharf, Mr. Terry said that the granting of permits to large numbers of people would only serve to add to the congestion at wharves and thus afford vagabonds and the like a better chance of carrying out their nefarious activities.

Mr. Terry pointed out that at the present moment, large numbers of Chinese repatriates, with a not inconsiderable amount of baggage, were arriving from overseas by steamers tying up at the Kowloon Wharf. On a recent occasion, no less than 1,200 Chinese repatriates disembarked from one ship alone.

The situation which would have resulted if a permit had been granted to an equal number of friends and relatives to

Ranchi Arrives

Bringing 150 civilian and military repatriates from England, the British transport Ranchi of the P. & O. Line tied up alongside Pier 1 South at Kowloon Wharves yesterday. She is scheduled to sail at 8 a.m. this morning for Japan.

Among the passengers who disembarked here were Miss J. Ewing, Hong Kong resident who served with the WAAF in England during the war, and Mrs. McAlpine, wife of Captain McAlpine.

Benny Gordon, saxophonist, and his troupe of entertainers, also disembarked for the limited engagement at the Star Theatre in Kowloon.

The Ranchi will stop at this port again in 10 days en route back to England.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

It is learnt, from the Hon. Treasurer of St. Patrick's Society that applications for the Dinner on St. Patrick's night have so far exceeded expectations. As the accommodation available on that evening is strictly limited it may be necessary to indicate very shortly that the time for making applications has been closed. Members wishing to attend the dinner, should therefore apply without further delay.

On the application of ADCI L. R. Whant, Mar. 3 was fixed by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for the hearing of the case against Chan Yee Mau, 35, coolie, charged with the possession of a home-made bomb at Canton Road on Feb. 15. With Chan will appear Chan Kau, 23, unemployed, and Fung Chun, 25, unemployed, charged with aiding and abetting.

Higher Education In The Colonies

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has in accordance with a recommendation of the Commission on Higher Education in the Colonies appointed a Committee to be known as the Colonial University Grant Advisory Committee to advise him on matters relating to expenditure of United Kingdom Funds for the development of Higher Education in the Colonies.

It is expected that in advising on these matters the Committee will take into account the funds available for Colonial Higher Education from other sources. On the Academic aspect of the proposals which are referred to it, the Committee will be guided by the opinion of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies.

The Committee's first main task will be to advise on the apportionment of £450,000 which has been earmarked for higher education out of £120 million provided under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act.

The creation of an Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies was announced in March of last year and the Secretary of the Inter-University Council, Mr. Walter Adams, has also been appointed to the Secretaryship of the Colonial University Grants Committee.

The following have been appointed members of the Committee: Sir Hector Hetherington (Chairman), Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, Miss Myrtle Curtis, Principal Newman College, Cambridge, Lord Hailcy, Sir James Irvine, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Saint Andrews, Sir Walter Moberly, Chairman of University Grants Committee, Dr. Keith Murray, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, Professor D. Hughes Parry, Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, Dr. R. E. Priestley, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, Mr. D. J.

Repatriation Of Overseas Chinese

Several more overseas Chinese repatriation movements to the South Seas are now taking place under joint UNRRA-CNRRA auspices.

On Feb. 28 the s.s. "Hong Sling" left for Singapore with 820 refugees including 507 for Singapore, 313 for the Malayan Union and 28 for Sarawak.

The s.s. "Hiram" is shortly picking up a group of about 370 in Swatow destined for Siam, and will sail from Hong Kong to Swatow on or about March 4, after picking up here a group of 130 from Canton first.

Repatriation to Indo-China is at present restricted to the Saigon-Cholon and Cambodia areas owing to the disturbed conditions prevailing in the North. Two small groups will leave for Saigon from Amoy and Swatow in the next day or so.

It is expected that the next large scale movement will take place from Foochow towards the end of this month when it is hoped to repatriate some 600 to British North Borneo and Sarawak, and about 500 to Singapore and the Malayan Union.

Businessman Gaoled, Had A Revolver

Yu Ching Yung, charged with being in possession of a loaded revolver in Johnston Road on Feb. 24, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment by Mr. H. C. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios, who appeared for accused, pleaded guilty on his behalf and asked for leniency. Mr. Remedios said that accused, who was formerly in business as a timber merchant and went insolvent in November last, was asked to carry the revolver for another person for \$150.

Defendant had a mother, father, wife and three children and was, through poverty, lured into carrying the gun in order to earn the money.

Inspector Ewins, prosecuting, confirmed that defendant was formerly a respectable businessman. Addressing accused, Mr. Sheldon said that the offence was a serious one but that he was taking into consideration the remarks made by Inspector Ewins and Mr. Remedios.

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The Principal will also be pleased to meet any Old Boy who may have verbal information of value if he will arrange an appointment.

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L. G. MORGAN, Principal.

Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1947.

NOTICE

Civil Defence Service, 1941 Claims

It is announced for general information that all claims against Government, arising out of service in the A.R.P. and other Civil Defence Services, are now being dealt with by the Accountant-General, Prince's Building, and NOT by the Colonial Secretary.

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Members of the Confraternity and all Catholics are cordially invited to attend and participate in the above devotions.

G. A. VAS, Hon. Secretary, Confraternity of Our Lord of Passos.

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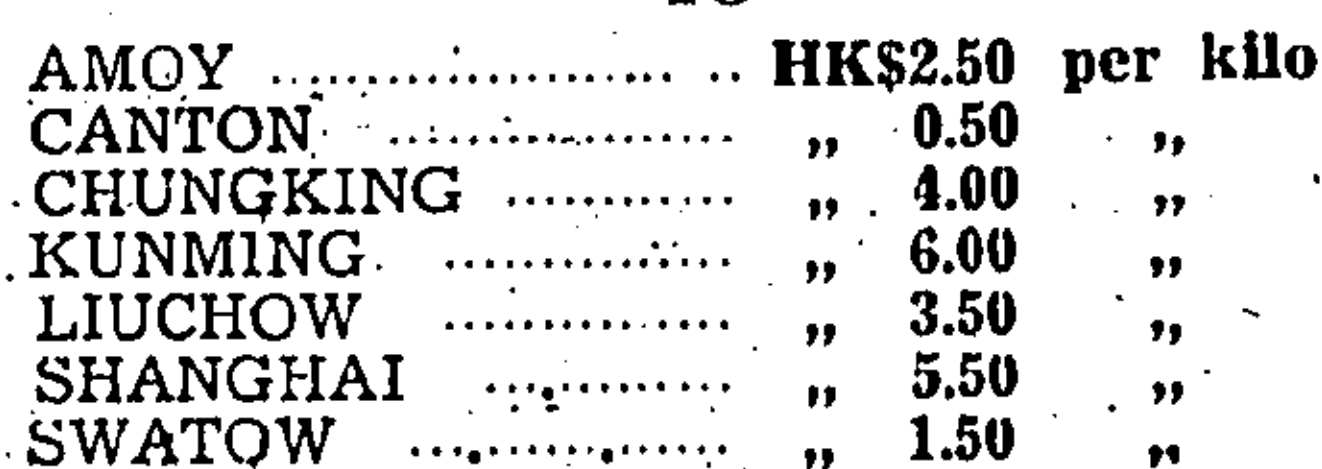
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In Florida fought out this decisive battle in the Southeastern championship. Betty Dryden in the North, Bob Avant in the South, Merwin Ray in the West and M. G. Murray in the East—and all did their stuff. North's work ended with that nervy jump to game, which she desired even if South was minimum enough to pass 2-N. Triumps or 3-Spades, and it nearly produced a top score. The slight mis-aid by the defense would have caused it.

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ANGLO-FRENCH ALLIANCE

Signature At Dunkirk On Tuesday

Reaffirmation Of Close Ties

London, Feb. 28.

Britain and France have reached an agreement on terms of alliance, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today. He hoped that it would be signed on Tuesday, March 4, at Dunkirk.

Mr. Bevin's brief statement, which was punctuated with loud cheers, is as follows: "I am very glad to be able to state that an agreement has now been reached between the British Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government on the terms of the treaty of alliance."

"There are a few adjustments now being made."

"The treaty will, I hope, be signed by the French Foreign Minister and myself on Tuesday, March 4, at Dunkirk (loud cheers)."

"Its text will be laid before the House as soon as possible thereafter. The Dominions have been kept fully informed. I am sure the House will share the great satisfaction of the British Government at the successful outcome of these negotiations and that they will warmly welcome the re-affirmation of the close friendship between this country and France."

On behalf of the Opposition, Mr. Anthony Eden said that he warmly welcomed Mr. Bevin's statement and congratulated him upon his part in the negotiations.

Special Meaning

There were two observations that he would like to make.

The first was that in this century the relations of the British people with the people of France had a special meaning on both sides of the Channel. "We have been through too much together, through an ordeal to a final victory and expression of this true feeling of friendship in the treaty must be as welcome in Britain as I have no doubt it is in France."

Mr. Eden added: "The second observation is close and intimate relationship and enduring friendship between Britain and France are a contribution to world peace and for that cause, too, we welcome what he has said. We shall wish him well on his journey to Moscow and we shall be with him in spirit at Dunkirk."

The four main points of the Anglo-French 60-year Treaty are, according to unofficial but usually well-informed Paris sources:

Main Points

1. France and Britain pledge themselves to decide by common agreement on measures which might prove necessary should Germany adopt any aggressive policy, or any initiative threatening the security of either of the two countries.

2. Should either France or Britain be at war again with Germany the other partner will lend immediate military assistance, whether the hostilities are the outcome of armed aggression by Germany or of action taken in common, or of application of measures decided by the U.N. Security Council.

3. France and Britain will confer with a view to adopting all necessary measures should Germany disregard obligations which have been, or may be, imposed upon her.

3,000 FACE DROWNING

West Palm Beach, Florida, Feb. 28.

The United States Army has sent a rescue squadron of four flying-boats towards the town of Trinidad in Northern Bolivia, where upwards of 3,000 persons are reported to be clinging to tree-tops, roofs and wreckage in imminent danger of drowning in a flood.

The squadron is under direct orders from Washington, where it is reported that Trinidad, a town of 8,000 inhabitants at the confluence of two rivers, is completely under water.

The squadron is to alight at Balboa, in the Canal zone, to refuel, and for further orders before hopping on to Bolivia.—Reuter.

4. France and Britain will confer on all economic questions of mutual interest.

Applause In Paris

In Paris, a storm of cheers and handclaps, lasting five minutes, greeted M. Georges Bidault when he told the National Assembly today that the new Anglo-French alliance would be signed on March 4.

Rarely since approval of the new constitutional last September has the Assembly shown such enthusiasm.

Another ovation followed the unanimous vote of confidence in M. Bidault and the Government's foreign policy—with 608 deputies voting—less than a week before the Minister's departure for the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference in Moscow.

The vote of confidence came as no surprise. Throughout the two-day debate there were indications of unanimity of the parties. Even M. Bidault's severest critics, the Communist Party, had signified their blessing. When M. Bidault officially confirmed the pact with Britain, M. Edouard Herriot, Radical leader, said: "This ushers in a new era of co-operation between two great traditional Allies in the work for peace and democracy."

M. Bidault, announcing the alliance, said: "It was impossible that the destinies of our two countries should not be bound together. Difficulties pass but the solidarity of our two peoples remains."—Reuter.

Jane Russell Annoyed At Sex Film

Hollywood, March 1.

Jane Russell, the film star, whose passionate love scenes in the picture "Outlaw" were heavily censored, is asking why and how "Duel to the Sun" has missed the Censor's scissors.

In Hollywood yesterday she told reporters that, after seeing Jennifer Jones in "Duel to the Sun," she failed to see why the censors had dragged her (Jane) "through the mud."

Jane pointed out that the neckline of a blouse worn by Jennifer Jones in one of the scenes was as low as the one that caused censors throughout America to bar "Outlaw."

"My film had no out-and-out suggestive love scenes like those in 'Duel to the Sun,'" said Jane.

One scene in "Outlaw," she said, showed her crawling into bed with Jack Buell, but "that was only to keep him warm," she added.

"Cavalcade of Passion" "You didn't see me in anything like Jennifer Jones' cabin scene or the way Jones was lolling in the bushes by the creek," said Jane.

Jack Buell agreed with Jane, and said, the "Outlaw" seemed like an educational

Hong Kong Missionary A Nazi

Washington, Feb. 28.

The Senate Armed Services Committee today released two volumes, containing the names of nearly 40,000 Nazi Party members who acted outside Germany, compiled from records seized in Germany.

They included 835 residents and ex-residents of China, 710 residents and ex-residents of the Dutch East Indies, 337 of Japan, 50 of the Philippines and 191 of India, Burma, Ceylon and Malaya.

The Committee said the publication aimed to show that the "Nazis" operated under various guises in even the smallest nations. "The Nazis had agents in all sections of the world." For example, the list includes a Singapore shopkeeper, a Manila crewmaster, a Cebu merchant, a Tokyo teacher, a Kobe bookkeeper, a Peking housewife, a Tsingtau student, a Hankow bank official and a Hong Kong missionary.—United Press.

WINDSOR'S TRIP

Nassau, Bahamas, Mar. 1.

The Duke of Windsor, who with the Duchess was to leave here yesterday for England and France via the United States, said he would not buy a home in the United States, Canada or the Bahamas, but planned to visit the Western Hemisphere again.

The Duke said they planned to stay in England "two or three weeks."—Associated Press.

Public's Right To Sue The Crown

London, March 1.

The text of the Crown Proceedings Bill, under which the Crown in its public capacity would be largely in the position of a private person in its liability to legal action, was published yesterday.

Its provisions are as forecast when the Lord Chancellor, Viscount Jowitt, presented the Bill in the House of Lords. Certain ancient forms of civil proceedings, such as the petition of rights, will, it is proposed, be abolished.

In general the Crown will be liable in tort (civil action not based on contract giving rise to damages—for example, negligence) for the acts and defaults of its servants and agents. It will apply also to breaches of contract law by which a citizen owes to his servants or agents, or which attach to the occupation or control of property.

County Courts Included Exceptions suggested to this rule include matters in regard to the maintenance of the Armed Forces and the postal service. Other points in the Bill are:

For the first time liability will be accepted for loss or damage to a registered inland postal packet within the limits covered by the registration fee.

Civil proceedings either by or against the Crown will be governed by rules of court, and for the first time the Crown can be sued in a county court.

The Crown will lose its special right to imprisonment for debt except in cases of failure to pay death duties or purchase tax.

The Crown may be required by the court to produce documents, but the existence of a document will not be disclosed where a Minister certifies that it would be injurious to the public interest.

A general effect of the Bill is to seek to empower the court to grant any remedy against the Crown except an injunction, a decree of specific performance, or an order for specific restitution of property.

London, Feb. 28.

Mr. Charles Dukes, former General Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, has been appointed to the directorship of the Bank of England.—United Press.

Unwritten History

Vienna, Feb. 28.

The Austrian former Foreign Minister, Guido Schmidt, testified today that the Western Powers in 1930 and 1937 were desirous of gaining favour with Adolf Hitler.

Schmidt, on trial on charges of high treason, said he was assured by the British Prime Ministers, Stanley Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain, that England and France would not take military action in the event of Hitlerite aggression in the Balkans involving Austria or Czechoslovakia.

Schmidt also testified that Kurt Schuschnigg would have been forced to apply for loans from England because "it would indicate Austrian cooperation with that country" and London would consider it aggravation of mutual German-Austrian relations.—United Press.

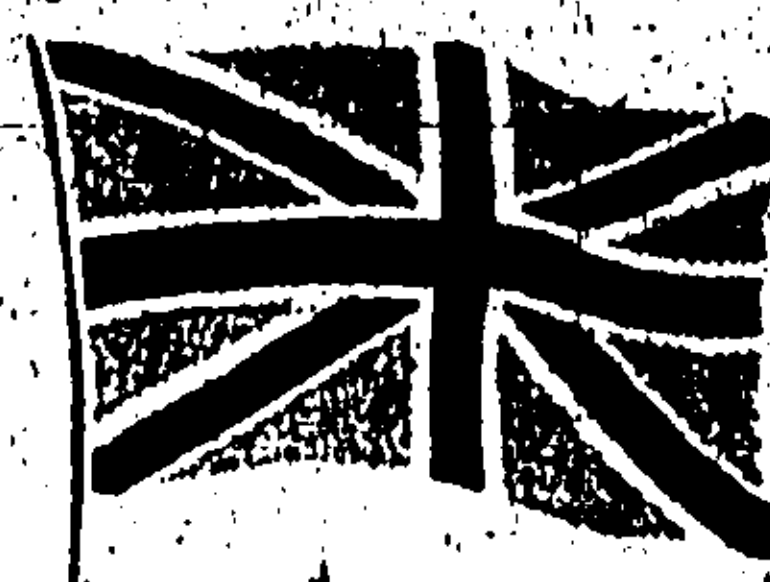
Salaries To Be Subsidised

Paris, Feb. 28.

Premier Paul Ramadier announced tonight that the Government would subsidize the salaries of Paris workers earning less than 7,000 francs per month.

M. Ramadier, in a broadcast to the nation, said Parisian workers could not live on less than 7,000 francs monthly, and that Government would bring the wages of those earning less up to that figure. He said an equivalent supplement would be granted workers outside the Paris area.

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THE MAIN CHARACTERS IN THE STORY

When Charles II had dismissed Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, from the Chancellorship, there was fear and unrest throughout the Palace. Men distrusted each other and those who had seemed friends now secretly spoke but never in the corridors as though neither friend nor foe existed. No one felt safe. Which one would go down next?

It was in this atmosphere that Amber had begun to take part in the intrigues of the day. And being now established as a Lady of the Bedchamber and as first favourite of the King, she was sought by the various factions. Only two men, however, were powerful enough really to matter. Buckingham and Arlington; each manoeuvring against the other and both seeking to enlist Amber to further their schemes that revolved with the Throne as their centre.

Forever Amber

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Amber took thought and decided to have her own spy system. For such was common at the Court of Whitehall, both among courtiers and the ladies. Lampoons—most of those that mattered—written by the witty Earl of Rochester—circulated freely and Amber had the doubtful distinction of being the subject of many of them. She shared it with the now discarded favourite, Lady Castlemaine, and with Frances Stewart whom Charles, after trying vainly to make her another of his mistresses, had married to the Duke of Richmond.

It was through her spy system that Amber learned a plot that the Duke of Buckingham had hatched with Father Scroope. It was no less than the kidnapping of the Queen, Catherine of Braganza. For my Lord Buckingham knew that despite her outwardly meek nature, Catherine

was hostile to him and that she stood in the way of his most ambitious plans—none other than to reach the throne himself. Amber stood in her apartment listening to Father Scroope. To Amber, the throne meant nothing but the fact that he who sat on it was her lover and provided of all the worldly goods she enjoyed. For fifteen hundred pounds Father Scroope had sold her Buckingham's plot. And Amber went to the Queen and told her all. She did so because in Catherine she knew she had a good friend, one whom she might use on her own behalf at some time.

Amber had learned that in the Palace opportunities never came to those who sat and waited. It was necessary to be ceaselessly active. But now Buckingham came to pay his first secret call upon her. "It seems his Grace had wanted to keep you for himself," he said, "and I had hoped you and I might be friends also." "Surely a woman may be allowed two friends, my Lord," replied Amber. "Ever, Whitehall."

Arlington smiled. "You seem to be a woman of wit, madame." Then "It runs through the galleries your young son will inherit a dukedom." Amber suddenly sat forward in her chair, her eyes glittering and eager. "Did the King tell you..." "No, madame, not the King. But it's current gossip." "Gossip won't get me a duchy." "It is what you want then," said Arlington. "My God, there's nothing I want so much as anything to get it." "If that's true, madame, and you wished to do something for me... I think I may say without vanity I have some small influence here at Whitehall. If you can help me to a duchy I swear I'll do anything you ask."

He told her what he wanted. It was to spy on Buckingham's meeting which, rumour said, he had with a group of old Commonwealth men who had as their object the overthrow of Charles II's government and seizure of power into their own hands. Amber had already bought four acres of land in St. James's Square, the most fashionable, exclusive and expensive district. She had for months discussed plans for a house and gardens with Captain Wynne who was designing the finest new homes in England. And now she told him to begin construction. It would cost two years and cost about sixty thousand pounds. But the weeks went by and she was still a countess till one day in a fit of vindictiveness against his former favourite, Castlemaine, Charles passed a patent creating Gerald, Amber's husband, now Earl of Darlington—Duke of Ravenspur with the honour to devolve on their son.

Amber now began to set the fashions for everything at Whitehall. One day she planned up the hair of her Cavalier's hat at an angle. Next day half the ladies in his Majesty's hawking party had done the same. She appeared at a ball with her hair undone and hanging down her back covered with a thick sprinkling of gold-dust and for a week that was the rage. Everyone copied her beauty patches—little cupid's drawing a bow, the initials CR (Charles Rex) intertwined. It tickled her vanity to be imitated. Scandal piled up high around her name. Her enemies were said to be lewd. Amber, by no means resenting this vicious and spiteful talk, paid money to start new rumours. Her life though comparatively chaste became in reputation a model of licence and intimacy. Even the people of the streets like her and cheered her when she drove out. There seemed to be only one thing left for her to want and finally that wish was granted too. Early in December, Almsbury

suddenly. Disapproval? Pity? But that was ridiculous. She looked stunning and she knew it. "Holy Christ, Amber," he murmured, his eyes going swiftly down over her body. "Don't you like it?" Her eyes hardened a little. "Yes, of course. You look gorgeous..." "But wait, you court!" interrupted a feminine voice. Another voice, a man's this time, came from her other side. "Odds man, madame, this is the greatest display I have ever seen in public since a was weaned. It was the King, I say, smiling, and obviously amused."

Amber felt suddenly as if she had been hurt inside. What have I done, she thought. My God, what am I doing out here undressed? Every face she saw was covertly sneering at her. She wished passionately she were back home. How am I going to get out of here? She had all but forgotten Lord Carlton and his wife. And then so unexpectedly that she almost started. "My Lord Carlton. My Lady Carlton." She grabbed Almsbury by the hand and her eyes turned toward the door. What had she done? She had looked very much as he had when he had left London two years before. He was thirty-eight years old, still handsome, hard-skinned and vigorous bodied. Amber only glanced at him, then shifted her attention to the woman who walked beside him. She was rather tall, slender and graceful, with clear blue eyes, dark hair, and a skin pale as moonlight. Her features were delicate, her expression serene. To look at her brought up some elusive emotion, the feeling evoked by an exquisitely painted porcelain. The gown she wore was cloth-of-silver covered with black lace and a black lace mantilla lay upon her head; about her neck was the diamond and sapphire necklace which had belonged to Bruce's mother and which Amber had always hoped might one day be her own.

The King, ignoring ceremony, went forward with Lord and Lady Arlington to greet them, and as he did so all the room began a low humming. And at all times a remark which Amber, sick in the stomach now heard round her—were of admiration for Lady Carlton, newcomer to the Court of Whitehall.

She would have fled. She told Almsbury: "I've got to get out of here. I can't stay." But as he had said to her once before: "You won't leave if I have to tie you up. If you had the courage to wear that thing in the first place, by God you'll have the courage to stay till I tell you to go." Then she saw Lady Carlton smiling at Almsbury but give a little gasp of surprise as she caught sight of his partner.

She took a deep breath, linked her arm with Almsbury's and they walked toward the group made up of the King, Buckingham, Lady Shrewsbury, Buckhurst, Sedley, and Rochester who were talking to Bruce and his wife. Almsbury presented Lady Carlton to the Duchess of Ravenspur and both women made faint curtsies. But Amber was not so slow as if they were the merest acquaintances.

Later, in her coach to which Almsbury had taken her, she walked: "He didn't even smile at me. He just looked at me like I was a dead dog." Why should he be the only man in London to care what his wife thinks. He hates me. I know he does. And I hate him too."

Next day she saw Lord and Lady Carlton riding in the Ring. Amber waited. He had forgotten her. He could not forget her. And then, five days after the ball at Arlington House he and Almsbury came to her rooms one evening. Susanna, their second born, was apparently the object of his visit for at first he played with her when she was got out of her bed. Then with much protesting from Susanna who cried that she wanted to stay "with her new daddy" and with Almsbury looking at his watch and going off, Amber and Bruce were left alone.

Bruce turned about swiftly. "I'm going with you, John."

"Bruce," Amber gave a little cry of anguish and ran toward him. "You can't go now. Stay just a little—and talk to me." While he stood looking down at her Almsbury went out of the door and shut it softly. Bruce glanced back over his shoulder as he heard the sound, hesitated a moment longer.

And then he tossed his hat on to a chair.

THE BOOK EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT

He began to visit her regularly. And in her rooms, they renewed the love-making that had begun that day at Marygreen when she had coaxed him away from the fair.

"My Darling, I love you so," she told him. "I can't stand to know you're married to another woman. I hate her. I despise her. I... Amber, don't talk that way. He tried to make a joke of it. "After all, you've been married four times and I've never hated any of your husbands." "Why should you? I didn't love any of them." "Nor the King either?" he queried. She dropped her eyes momentarily abashed. Then she faced him again. "Not the way I do you. Anyway, he's the King. But you know as well as I do Bruce that if you'd let me I'd leave him and the Court and everything I have on earth to follow you anywhere."

"What?" he asked mockingly. "You'd leave all this?" As he spoke she realised all of a sudden that he did not consider her position, the luxury and pomp in which she lived, to be of any real worth at all. It was the sharpest disillusionment she had had. For she had expected to brag about it, to impress him with her title, her power, her money, her gorgeous rooms. Instead, he had made her feel that all she had got from life—these things for which she had been willing to make any compromise—were unimportant. Worse, were trash.

"Yes," she said softly. "Of course I'd leave it." "Next week," Lady Carlton discovers her husband's clandestine meetings with Amber. If only minutes in a heated scene. Amber plots again with Buckingham and Arlington against each other. And becomes the victim.

Macao Ban On Rice Exports

Macao, Feb. 28. With a view to securing a normal supply of rice from Chungshan to alleviate distress in Macao, a party including Captain Alvaro Marques de Andrade Salgado, Commissioner of Police, and Mr. Luciano Botelho da Costa Martins, Chairman of the Food Control Committee, is leaving for Canton today to negotiate with the Kwangtung authorities.

Export of rice from Macao has been banned as from today. No more permits will be issued and the validity of those already granted will automatically expire ten days from date of issue.

Specific regulations govern Taipa and Colowan, to which exports can only be made after petitions have been approved by the Administrator of the islands adjacent to Macao.

The local paper "A Voz de Macau," commenting on the measure, says: "The steps taken in defence of the economy of the population, which is all of us and not only half a dozen greedy magnates who want to become rich at the expense of the unfortunate almost without a shirt on, are praiseworthy. That is why, however strict they are, we commend these steps tending to curb exploitation of the masses."—Our Own Correspondent.

Macao's New Tobacco Tax

Macao, Feb. 28. A new scale of tobacco taxation has been introduced, as follows:—Cigarettes valued under \$500 per 50,000 are charged \$120.

From \$500 to \$1,000 do. \$180
Above \$1,000 to \$1,250 do. \$250
Above \$1,250 to \$1,750 do. \$350
Above \$1,750 do. \$500

The taxes also apply to loose tobacco and cigars, for which the weight of 62 kilos has been set as an equivalent to 50,000 cigarettes. Locally manufactured cigarettes are only charged 30% of the present rates but most factories have not been working owing to the impossibility of competition with imported cigarettes.—Our Own Correspondent.

New Macao Notes

Macao, Feb. 28. New Macao paper currency issued by the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, and printed in Hong Kong arrived here by the "Kwongnai" last night under the escort of eight members of the Hong Kong Police.

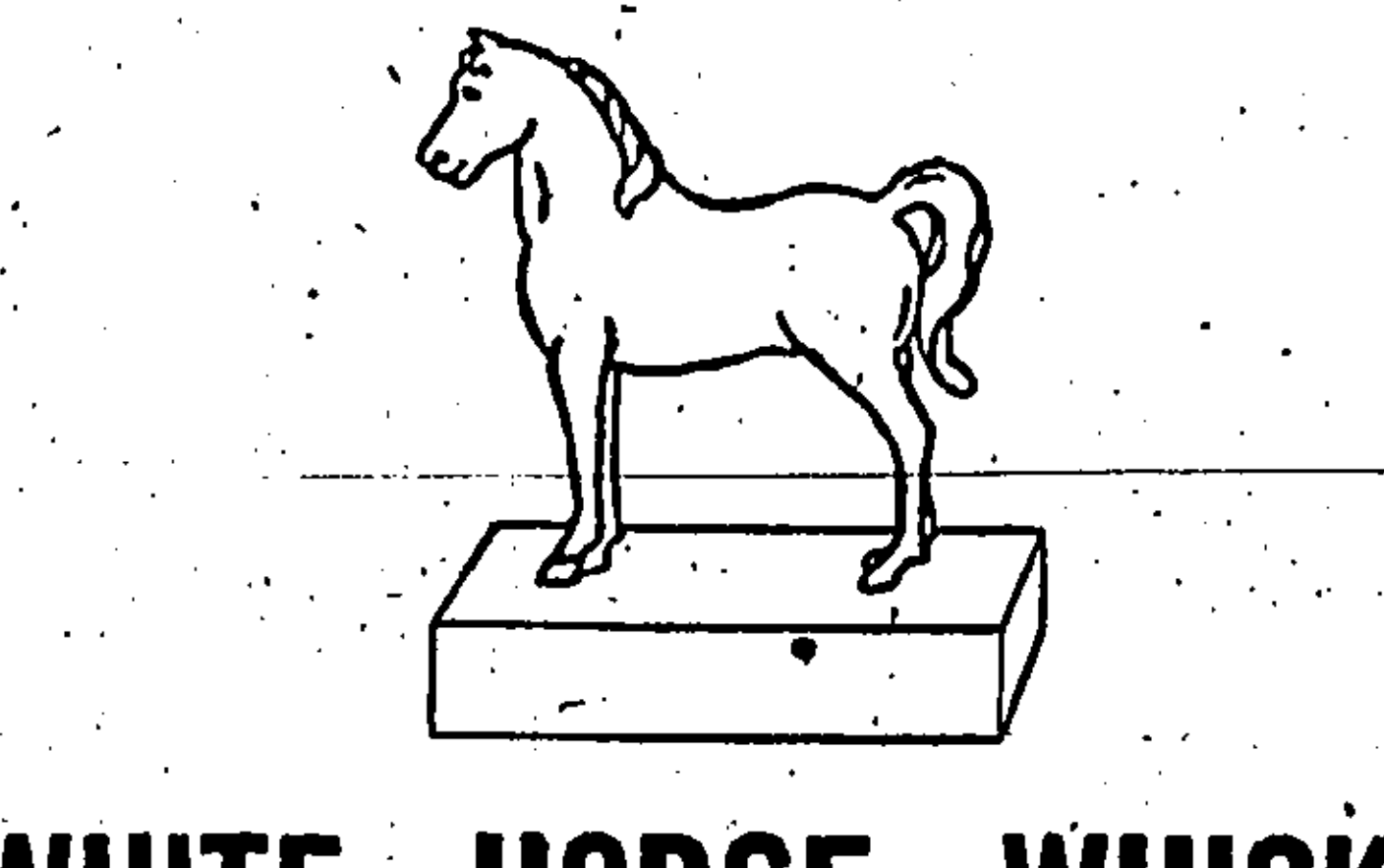
Contained in forty sealed cases, only one instalment came yesterday out of an issue of \$5,000,000 authorised by Lisbon to replace worn-out denominations of five, ten, twenty and fifty cents.—Our Own Correspondent.



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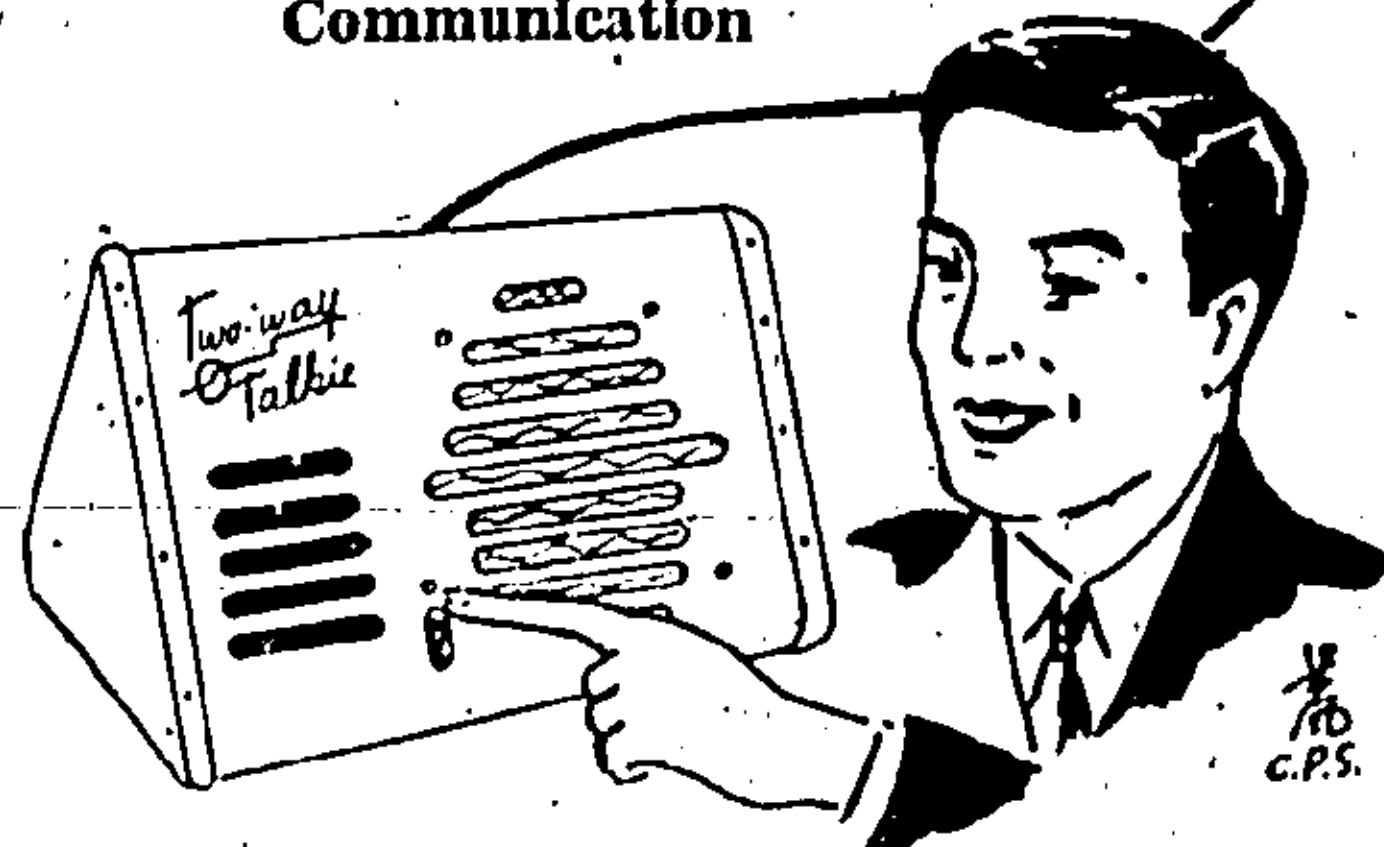
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HEALTH MINISTRY'S WARNING ON DRUG

Mountbatten To Keep Uniform

London, Feb. 28.

The Viceroy-Designate, Admiral Viscount Mountbatten, will retain his present uniform—that of Rear-Admiral in the Royal Navy—when he becomes Viceroy next month, his senior civil adviser, Sir Eric Merville, stated today.

His reasons for this are twofold. Reuter understands. Firstly, the shortness of his term of office and, secondly, the shortage of materials to make official Viceregal robes.

This decision is typical of Lord Mountbatten, who has a hearty dislike of pomp and ceremony.

A special allocation of clothing coupons for the Viceroy-Designate and Vicereine were sent from the Board of Trade to the India Office today by special messenger.

Viscount Mountbatten has been allocated 400 coupons and the Vicereine 200. The ordinary Briton receives 64 coupons a year.

Preparations for new clothing are in the hands of Viscountess Mountbatten, who looks after this task, while Viscount Mountbatten studies State documents and consults high officials at the India Office.

Like the present Viceroy, Viscount Mountbatten prefers his military uniform to the ornate trappings associated with the Vicereignty. Like Viscount Wavell, too, he will dispense with the elaborate reception on Bombay's Apollo Bund—a ceremony always linked with the arrival of a new Viceroy and the departure of an old.

Reuter.

U.S. Army Pulls Out

Paris, Feb. 28.

The American Army officially pulled out of liberated Western Europe today, three years after the beginning of the biggest operation in its history.

Soldiers and War Department civilians jammed the Paris Post Exchange on the Grande Armée Avenue for their last rations before they closed its doors tonight. GIs and their girls drank their last sodas in the only American-style fountain in France, the "Sugar Bowl."

The old Mayflower and Columbia clubs, the only remaining Red Cross leave billets, which were swarmed with shouting soldiers during the war, were deserted.

In the suburb of Gennevilliers, French and American generals saluted as the Stars and Stripes was lowered and

the Tricolour raised over the last American Army installation in France, Belgium and the United Kingdom.—United Press.

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Parents of children on the danger lists at London hospitals are being asked whether they'll allow doctors to use the new drug, streptomycin. They are being told, "It may save life, but it could fail. It could even accelerate death."

Consenting parents must agree to a post-mortem if the treatment fails.

Streptomycin, cousin to penicillin, is used in certain types of tubercular infection and tubercular meningitis, but little is yet known about the drug here.

For weeks, private doctors and hospitals throughout England, have been making radio appeals almost daily for supplies of streptomycin for use in desperate cases.

The Health Ministry has warned doctors making independent radio appeals that streptomycin is potentially dangerous, is unproved, and that even when it prolongs life, it sometimes causes blindness, permanent giddiness, and deafness.

Research Plan

The Medical Research Council will conduct full-scale clinical research into the drug's effects in cases of tubercular infection and tubercular meningitis.

The council has imported £80,000 worth of streptomycin from America, has reserved beds at two London hospitals, and in the next six months will treat 50 consenting patients at a cost of between £2000 and £3000 each.

At the end of that period the council will issue a preliminary report.

British medical experts say that American experiments with the drug have been inconclusive.

The Government won't decide on sponsored, large-scale production of streptomycin here until the Medical Research Council makes its report.

Didn't Take A Trick

London, March 1.

Night-watchman Harold Bean, of Brighton, survived after this happened to him:

A cinder fell on a brazier outside his hut, on which he was accustomed to pour paraffin.

Blaze fired the hut.

Bean, who is one-legged, took off his overcoat to beat out the flames.

His false teeth fell out.

He dropped his coat to grope for his teeth.

(He broke them when he trod on them.)

He found his teeth, took up his coat, beat out the flames.

Then he found his crutches had been burned.

Footnote: Hopping up the road, he said: "I've only been slightly burned."

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Kesséling Defence

Venice, Feb. 28.

The campaign of Field Marshal Albert Kesséling, former German commander in Italy, against Italian partisans during the war was based on "urgent military necessity," Dr. Hans Laternser, defence counsel, declared at today's hearing in the Venice court trying the former commander on war crimes charges.

"He tried to avoid chaotic conditions in Italy for the benefit not only of his own troops, but also the Italian population," counsel declared.

"The defence completely refuted the prosecution contention that the action of the accused originated from hatred." Field Marshal Kesséling did not condemn the whole Italian people because they had been a heavy liability as an ally. He understood that the majority of the nation were honest, decent people.

Dr. Laternser added: "Having laid it down that his troops would carry out justice he made every effort to enforce that policy and was only prevented on certain occasions by the illegal actions of partisans."

The defence counsel said that the Field Marshal never knew that any of the Italians shot in the caves near Rome had not already been sentenced to death. He had been assured that this was so. The defence argument was that the prosecution had not proved its case that the civilians shot in the caves were killed on Kesséling's orders as reprisal.

Kesséling's orders were concerned with practical war operations and not reprisals, said Dr. Laternser.—Reuter.

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Switch-On In London

London, Feb. 28.

The ban on the use of electricity for non-essential industry in London and the south-east area of England will be lifted from Monday, March 3.

Restrictions on the use of electricity by domestic and non-industrial consumers such as shops, offices, hotels and places of entertainment, will remain in force.

This switch-on will therefore coincide with the switch-on in northwestern England.

Electricity was restored in the Midlands on Feb. 24.

A statement issued from Downing Street on the restoration of electricity added: "The need for the greatest possible economy of electrical power by non-industrial and domestic users throughout the country remains as urgent as ever and all consumers are asked to co-operate in order that the needs of industry may be met."

In implementation of the Government's promise made last night, consignments of fish, fruit, tinned meat, vegetables, fats and oils are to go immediately to the rationing towns to stimulate coal output.

The first allocations of additional food will be arriving in the rationing areas next week.

In return the miners will exert every effort to reach the required target of 200,000,000 tons.—Reuter.

Frauleins Not What They Seem

Berlin, Feb. 28.

General Joseph McNarney has warned his GIs to beware of fascinating frauleins posing as agents of the American Army's Spy-Catching Counter-Intelligence Corps.

Ordering a clamp down on shapely impersonators, Gen. McNarney made it clear that the Army has hired no female spy trappers, German or otherwise.

Nevertheless, McNarney's order said, "Recently reports have been received which indicate that women of both German and non-German nationality have been wearing WAC type uniforms and have been presenting themselves as Counter

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PORTRAITS OF DISTINCTION
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SOUTH CHINA UPSET CHINESE AMATEURS

The unexpected defeat of Chinese Amateurs, recent conquerors of South China, was the outstanding feature of yesterday's soccer programme, which was unfortunately marred by the "marching orders" given to two players, one each from Eastern and Chinese Amateurs. Two second division teams failed to turn up for their games yesterday, but 27th R.A. registered an easy win over Land Forces by four goals to one while Chinese Amateurs were held to a meritorious goal-less draw by Chinese Cadre.

R.A.F. v 44 RM Cdo.
(By BENDIGONIAN)
In a very evenly contested Senior Division encounter on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon, R.A.F. defeated 44 Commando by three clear goals.

Although they were without the services of several of their regular players, R.A.F. played exhilarating football and fully deserved their victory. R.A.F. won the toss and elected to play with the wind. 44 Cdo made an excellent start and pressed from the kick-off.

They were, however, unable to maintain their early superiority and were gradually forced to take up the defensive as the R.A.F. settled down. The Air-men carried out a number of well executed movements and Ward was called upon to defend his charge repeatedly. R.A.F. drew first blood when Haddleton, gathering up a pass near the half way line, went up and sent across a neat pass which Sewell connected and headed into the far corner of the net well out of the reach of Ward—a really beautiful goal.

44 Cdo immediately took up the attack and almost equalized when Wolfendale crashed in a fast drive which Richardson managed to save. Shortly afterwards, Duncan increased the R.A.F. lead with a swift ground shot into the opposite corner of the net. Just before half time, Sewell almost scored again with another fine header, but Ward saved.

Resuming the second half with a 2-0 lead, R.A.F. did not show any signs of easing up, but immediately assumed the offensive and almost added another goal when Sewell broke through, only to be bundled off the ball when about to shoot. 44 Cdo tried hard to reduce the R.A.F. lead, but were unable to make any impression on the solid R.A.F. defence. Playing attractive and constructive football, R.A.F. went further ahead when Sewell again netted with an excellent header. The 44 Cdo goal had many narrow escapes and Ward did well to keep out a number of well directed shots. No further scoring took place and full time arrived with the R.A.F. well winners by three goals to nil.

Chinese Amateurs v South China
At Causeway Bay yesterday, Eastern surprised Chinese Amateurs by four goals to three, after leading at the interval by three goals to one. Leo Kwok-wai was a dismal failure in the attack and came under the referee's eye for several petty infringements. In the second half, he did better in the defence. Chinese Amateurs started off with a burst and in the first minute of the game were ahead through a good goal by Chin Chi-fai, but this success was short lived and Li Ping-chiu equalized. The same player put his side ahead with a well placed header, and a few minutes later, gathering up a stray ball, beat the goal-keeper with a well placed shot into the corner of the net to register his "hat-trick".

The second half was fairly interesting with Amateurs doing most of the attacking and it was no surprise when Chin Chi-fai reduced the margin to one goal. The Chinese Amateurs and Laung Ping-kan exchanged blows, but neither was able to score. Not long before the end, Li Ping-chiu scored the winning goal. Amateurs became very nervous following a scrum in the Chinese half. Amateurs, of

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Eastern	Chinese Amateurs	2	0
Royal Air Force	44 Commando	3	0

SECOND DIVISION

Land Forces	27th R.A.	1	4
Chinese Amateurs	Chinese Cadre	0	0
Kwong Wah	R.A.M.C.	0	0
Kit Chee	Wireless Centre	0	0

Not played.

League Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sing Tao	15	10	1	4	31	16	21
South China	15	10	2	3	27	20	22
44 Commando	15	9	1	5	27	20	19
A.S.C.	15	8	2	5	26	19	18
44 Commando	12	8	2	2	24	16	18
R.A.F.	12	8	0	4	22	16	16
R. Navy	12	6	0	6	18	22	12
Wireless	12	5	1	6	17	21	11
Chinese Amateurs	12	4	2	6	13	23	10
Kwong Wah	12	4	2	6	13	23	10
44 Commando	12	3	1	8	10	28	7
27th R.A.	12	3	1	8	10	28	7
Chinese Cadre	12	2	1	9	11	28	5
Kit Chee	12	1	1	10	11	28	3

SECOND DIVISION

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sing Tao	17	10	0	7	36	24	20
South China	17	11	2	4	40	21	24
44 Commando	17	11	2	4	40	21	24
A.S.C.	17	11	2	4	40	21	24
44 Commando	17	11	2	4	40	21	24
R.A.F.	17	11	2	4	40	21	24
R. Navy	17	11	2	4	40	21	24
Wireless	17	11	2	4	40	21	24
Chinese Amateurs	17	11	2	4	40	21	24
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Chinese Cadre	17	11	2	4	40	21	24
Kit Chee	17	11	2	4	40	21	24

Cricket

Playing at Home, the Kowloon Cricket Club defeated the 27th Field Regiment, R.A., by 14 runs yesterday.

K.C.C.

V. White, b Baker	0
A. Anderson, b Baker	0
D. Willis, b Coppel	0
V.C. Bond, b Baker, b Coppel	0
F.E. Skinner, c Pitway, b Baker	0
S.A. Gray, b Baker	0
T. Baker, b Baker	0
Bell, lbw Baker	0
J.R. Lamb, b Hill	0
C. Thorne, c Cragoe, b Hill	0
Extras	3

Bowls

Some really fine bowling was seen at the Kowloon Bowling Club yesterday when 36 members participated in the monthly Wappinshaw which was deservingly won by M.J. Raker's four, who swamped A.J. Hall's side, to emerge victors by 17 runs.

Great Display

In the other semi-final, Land Forces "A" beat 45 R.M. Commando in a game which provided a magnificent display of Rugby. Busfield, for Land Forces, demonstrated the art of side-stepping very well and made a lot of ground for Raker to score the winning try. Prior to this, Drayton had scored a glorious try for the Commandos, making use of his great speed on the wing, but Green had already scored for Land Forces and they were the winners by 13 points.

Criminal Element In Boxing

New York, Feb. 28. The New York County Grand Jury asked the State Legislature to take steps to "rid boxing in the city of the criminal element that now flourishes within the game."

Entries

Entries, together with handicap weights, for the Third Extra Race Meeting on March 1st, 1947, at the Kowloon Race Course, are as follows:

DOCKYARD TEAM

The following will represent Dockyard F.C. against 44 R.M. Cdo in the second Division today at Soekunpo.

BRITAIN AND U.N. VERDICT

Lake Success, N.Y. Feb. 28. Britain will accept any obligation which the United Nations may decide to recommend on the Palestine problem, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, declared at a press conference today.

Land Forces "A" Beat Nabcatcher

The final rounds of the Seven-A-Side tournament in aid of charity were played on the Club ground, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. H.E. the Governor and Miss Young, Commodore and Mrs. Everett, Major General Erskine and the President of the Hong Kong Football Club, the Hon. Mr. A. Morse, were among the many who were treated to a very thrilling afternoon's rugby.

Land Forces "A" team won, beating H.M.S. "Nabcatcher" by 10 clear pts in the final, by which time both teams had played three games during the afternoon and the spectators are indebted to the players for the excellent performance which they gave.

Today's Sports Fixtures

FOOTBALL
First Division: South China v. 44 R.M. Commando, 4.15 p.m.
Club: Kwong Wah v. Navy, 4.15 p.m.
Club: Club v. Police, 2.45 p.m.
Second Division: South China v. H.K. Signal, 4.15 p.m.
H.K. Signal v. R.A.M.C., 4.15 p.m.
H.K. Signal v. Dockyard, 4.15 p.m.

CRICKET

H.K.C.C. v. Combined Recreation and I.R.C. 11.15 a.m.

FASTBALL

King's Park-Bushell Club v. Canadian Chinese.

YACHTING

Morning—Team Race; afternoon, Helmsman Series.

British Communist Conference

London, Feb. 28. Harry Pollitt, Secretary of the British Communist Party, told the Empire Communist conference today: "We have a common interest in Britain, Canada and Australia in preventing our lands from becoming the 49th, 50th and 51st states of the United States."

Tim Buck, leader of the Canadian delegation, said: "Monopoly interests in the Dominions are seeking a closer relationship with the rich and powerful United States. They reveal a growing tendency to identify themselves with its aggressive and warlike policy."

Portuguese Mill Fire

Lisbon, Feb. 28. The greatest flour mill in Portugal, jammed with Argentine grain, was destroyed by fire last night in a 60,000,000-escudo disaster which may affect the already short Lisbon flour supply.

The mill, which belonged to the Portuguese Colonias Industrial Company, was burned to the ground and most of the machinery inside destroyed or so damaged as to be worthless.

All of the large stocks of grain destroyed had just arrived from the Argentine. United Press.

TRIBUNE TO PLAY

London, Feb. 28. In spite of reports from Australia to the contrary, George Tribe, Australian Test cricketer, will play as a professional for the Millrow Club in the Lancashire League cricket this summer.

Tribe has signed the Millrow Club as follows: "Diagrams (Incor.) (Australian) press reports. Intend to honour contract with Millrow. Definitely accept your terms." He intends to play for England on March 12—Reuter.

Only one football game will be played this afternoon and that between Hong Kong Baseball and Chinese Baseball.

Home Football Results

London, Mar. 1. The following were the results of some of the football matches played today:

First Division

Arsenal	1	Chelsea	2
Blackburn	1	Leeds U.	0
Blackpool	0	Bolton	1
Derby C.	2	Brentford	1
Portsmouth	4	Grimby	1
Sunderland	1	Manchester U.	1
Wolverton	3	Stoke City	0

Second Division

Bury	4	Barnsley	2
Fulham	2	Manchester C.	2
Leicester	1	Notts F.	1
Plymouth	2	Southton	3
Sheffield Wed.	5	Spurs	1
Westham U.	3	Swansea T.	0
Bradford	0	West Brom	0
Chesterfield	0	Coventry	0
Luton	0	Newport	0

(postponed owing to unfit grounds)

Third Division North

Darlington	4	Rochdale	1
Hartlepool	4	Carlisle	1
Southport	0	Bradford C.	1
Tranmere	3	Doncaster R.	5
Chester	0	Stockport	0
Gateshead	0	Accrington	0
Hull City	0	Hallifax	0
Lincoln	0	New Brighton	0
Rotherham	0	Barrow	0
York City	0	Oldham	0

(All postponed)

Third Division South

Bournemouth	1	Bristol	3
B'nton	2	Walsall	0
Bristol	5	Tirauay	0
Cardiff	3	Southend	0
Exeter	1	Reading	0
Norwich	0	Queen's P.R.	1
Swindon	0	Manfield	0
Aldershot	0	Watford	0
Northampton	0	Ipwich	0
Notts	0	Leyton	0
Port Vale	0	Palace	0

(All postponed)

F.A. Cup

SIXTH ROUND			
Charlton	2	Preston NE	
Liverpool	4	Birmingham	
Mid'boro	1	Burnley	
Sheffield U	0	Newcastle U	

Scottish Cup

QUARTER FINALS			
Airdrie	4	Hibernians	
Dundee	0	Aberdeen	
Hearts	0	East Fife	
Rangers	2	Dundee U.	
—Reuter.			

CHEWING GUM AIDS DRUG

London, March 1. English doctors have found chewing gum useful for penicillin treatment.

By warming ordinary chewing gum to a temperature of 40 degrees centigrade, rubbing in 200,000 units of dry calcium type penicillin, they can make 20 wads of gum that will retain their penicillin content for seven chewing hours.

Penicillin tablets last only two hours.

By chewing three wads of the new gum patients with gingivitis and throat infections could give themselves a highly successful day-long treatment.

Barclay's Bank Bomb

Jerusalem, Feb. 28. Two British soldiers and five other persons—two of whom died later—were injured when a violent explosion shook Haifa today while troops were awaiting the removal of illegal immigrants from a ship ground in the harbour.

The explosion wrecked the third floor of Barclay's Bank building near the railway station and offices of the Haifa Shipping Agency in the main street. The bank itself, which the injured soldiers were guarding, was undamaged.—Reuter.

CONTROL OFF TUNG OIL

Washington, Mar. 1. The Agriculture Department has ordered tung oil from the warrents, imports, control. They said such controls are no longer necessary since the International Monetary Fund Committee has agreed to limit tung oil exports to 100,000 tons annually.—United Press.

Noson Llawn

The Colony's Welshmen and their ladies celebrated St. David's Day yesterday with an "At Home" held at St. Joseph's Hall in the form of a Noson Llawn, a "Merry Night" of Welsh songs and music. It was the first social gathering held by St. David's Society since before the Pacific War.

"It is my earnest hope," the President of the Society, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones said, "that meetings of Welshmen in this Colony should not in future be limited to this one day in the year. Today is, as it were, a springboard for further merry gatherings and I propose therefore in the near future to call a meeting of the Cymri to consider the necessary arrangements."

"INDECENT ASSAULTS"

Berlin, Mar. 1. "The housing shortage was blamed today for the 'epidemic' of indecent and 'indecent assaults.' The 'epidemic' is said to be a result of the fact that many local families are living in one room. This results, it is said, in daily intimate contact with strangers. A check with the Berlin police revealed that in the past four months exactly 40 cases of indecent assault had been reported and investigated.—United Press.

Warring Race

"Not that the war has ever stopped the Welsh from such efforts. We have throughout history been a warring race. The famous sculpture of the Dying Gaul represents a Celt spilling his life blood on the fields of Asia Minor many centuries ago—Welshmen in the last two wars have split their blood and gained no less glory on fields more distant from their native land. The Welsh archers were mainly responsible at Cressy for winning the day. And incidentally, you will note that we fight not only for our own country, but even for our temporary conquerors.—I think it.

The Red Dragon

"The Red Dragon was naturally one of the supporters of the Royal Arms of Great Britain when the greatest of our dynasties came to the throne. I refer to the Welsh Tudors. It was only when the Stuarts took their place that the pole star of an Ulster was allowed to supplant the red-blooded dragon.

"But let us stop here. I think that Wales no longer has a right to support the Royal Arms of Britain, let me remind you that the standard of Wales, as borne by the Prince of Wales, is always, quietly, red and gold four lions passant guardant, counterchanged. In fact the lions of England obviously came from Wales. We are not aware of any fossilized lions being found there.

"And now let me say something of my pleasure in being allowed to welcome our friends of the other races that go to make up our great Empire. We are all here to help each other, who have so freely helped us to organize, to night's show.

STOP PRESS

A powerful explosion went off in Jerusalem this afternoon and alarm was sounded. It was the first time such an incident had occurred on a Jewish Sabbath. The explosion occurred inside the British security zone on King George's Avenue near the hqs. of the British military police. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Jerusalem reported that the explosion, at 3.15 p.m. Jerusalem time, shot a cloud of black smoke over the centre of the city. The dispatch said the first explosion was followed by two more and later, machine-gun fire was heard.

The Exchange Telegraph dispatch said that in another explosion the Officers' Club outside the security zone was blasted and a parked car blown up.

Casualty figures are not yet known. Officials believe the explosion was caused by members of the Stern Gang, who have never heeded religious feelings or conventions in their underground campaign.—United Press.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m., 8.30 to 7.40 p.m., and from 9 to 11 a.m. also on 952 megacycles.

M.T.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
1.15 p.m.—With List.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather, Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Radio Concert and Film.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.00 p.m.—London Piano & Accordion Band.
2.45 p.m.—Studio Local News "Round Up".
3.00 p.m.—Interlude.
3.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
3.15 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
3.15 p.m.—London Relay: "ITMA".
3.45 p.m.—Piano Parade: Simcoe Barrow.
3.50 p.m.—Selected Passages from Wagner's "Wallenstein".
4.00 p.m.—Tribute to the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
4.30 p.m.—London Transcription Service: "The End of the Road".
4.45 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
5.00 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
5.15 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
5.30 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
5.45 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
6.00 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
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6.30 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
6.45 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
7.15 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
7.30 p.m.—London Relay: "The End of the Road".
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